

USDA establishes Med-fly regs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Permanent federal regulations regarding the Mediterranean fruit fly in California's Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties were issued under the Plant Quarantine Act, Harvey L. Ford, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official, said.

Ford, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said this action makes permanent regulations which were issued on an emergency basis. Movement restriction, inspection and certification treatment requirements will still be enforced only in the three counties previously designated as regulated areas. Fruits and vegetables from the rest of the state will continue to move without restriction.

"When a major pest outbreak is discovered USDA normally issues emergency regulations regarding the infested area," Ford said. "This enables us to take immediate action to contain the pest, prevent further spread and bring the outbreak under control. If eradication cannot be achieved in a reasonably short period, public hearings are held and, if justified, the regulations are made permanent."

The emergency federal regulations were issued immediately following discovery of the Medfly outbreak in June, 1980. The regulations have been periodically expanded since then—most recently on July 14, when the three counties were brought entirely under regulation. The public hearing on establishing a permanent quarantine was held May 18 in San Francisco, Calif.

Ford said California also has the same three counties under state regulation.

Guernsey breeders

(Continued from Page A28) emphasized the importance of a 12 month calving interval. "Start that dairy calf well," he said. And once she's started and growing, he explained, don't put her out in the back pasture and forget about her.

The retired vo-ag teacher also stressed using a milking system

and adhering to it. Lastly, but probably most importantly he advised the group to read and study to advance their information of the dairy industry.

County Agent Glenn Shirk commended the breeders for their quality product. His words were echoed by Lancaster County Dairy Princess Deb Greider and K.D.

Lande, president of Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders.

Earlier in the day, field day participants tested their judging skills on three Guernsey classes, senior yearling, 2-year-olds and aged cows.

Men, women and youngsters scrutinized the Romella animals and penciled in choices. Some erased and switched animals while others stuck to their guns.

When the dust settled, four Willow Street breeders topped the competition. Peter Witmer had

the high score of 145. Dot Breneman was right behind him with 144. Thelma Garber was a close third followed by John Rohrer, fourth. Quarryville's Joyce Wagner placed fifth in a field of about 100 contestants.

Following the judging competition, hungry appetites were appeased by a delicious lunch topped with cold Golden Guernsey milk. Beneath the large shade trees on the Romella lawn folks relaxed and enjoyed the fellowship of other Guernsey breeders.

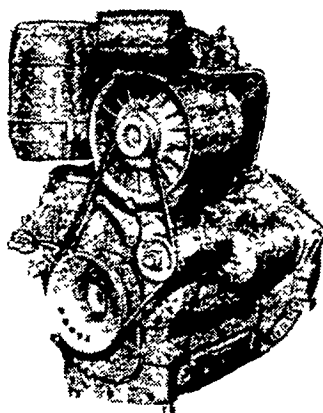


With more than 40 years of judging experience behind him, Field Day judge, William Fredd, Quarryville, places the senior yearling class.



Guernsey fanciers dig into a hearty noonday meal which followed the judging contest. Cold cuts, rolls, vegetables and salads were all washed down with what else...a cold glass of Golden Guernsey milk provided by Romella Farm.

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